

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 6884. This bill takes important steps toward addressing the educator shortage in Connecticut, showing educators that theirs is a respected profession, and ensuring that our classrooms and schools can provide the best possible education for our students.

Connecticut must change the kindergarten start age to 5 by September 1st. This would align more with other states and benefit the children. We need to reduce anxiety in children and changing the age to 5 would be a step in the right direction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

